

## **Capstone Projects (RRPs)**

### **Overview**

This solicitation seeks projects that build on completed work from prior HSR&D or QUERI-funded studies. In order to enhance implementation of evidence-based practices or sustain effective interventions past the concluding point of a funded research project, it is necessary to gather and organize the lessons from those studies into a readily accessible package or “toolkit” that allows clinicians and managers at the local, network, or national level to proceed without requiring the direct presence or advocacy of the researcher.

### **Purpose**

Capstone projects may take a variety of forms, including web-based toolkits, interactive “communities of practice”, self-contained educational programs, patient-oriented instructional materials (e.g., MyHealthVet content), business case templates, and other strategies. Materials should be compelling, culturally-appropriate, and easy to access and use. Distance learning should be facilitated through products developed from a Capstone project. Proposals focused on traditional scientific audiences will not be considered.

Capstone proposals should address the following questions:

- 1) Why should this evidence based practice be implemented?
  - What is the clinical and business case for implementation?
- 2) How can this evidence based practice be implemented?
  - What resources and conditions must a clinical unit have to begin implementation?
  - What knowledge transfer materials are needed (tool kits, training, reminders)?
- 3) How does one know when the evidence based practice has been effectively implemented?
  - What are the fidelity measures?
- 4) How does one know if the evidence based practice is failing or succeeding?
  - What is the routine performance measurement process?

Proposals due: **Ongoing FY 2006**

### **Eligibility**

This solicitation is open to all HSR&D COEs, REAPs, TREPs, Resource Centers and QUERIs. Funding will be based on proposal merit and available funds. For other Eligibility Criteria and Application Procedures, please reference the attached “Instructions for Submission of Applications for Rapid Response Projects”. For more information on this solicitation, please contact Linda McIvor, MS, MHS, at 202-254-0230 or [Linda.McIvor@va.gov](mailto:Linda.McIvor@va.gov).